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GEO250: Intro to GIS -- End-of-Semester student evaluations.
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2010 – Fall Term – GEO250/ENS250: Intro to GIS

Quantitative rankings

Rating Scale:	1	2	3	4	5
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree

14 Students, 1 section	Number of responses in each category					
Question	1	2	3	4	5	Avg
1. Clear student learning objectives				2	12	4.86
2. Class well prepared & organized				4	10	4.71
3. Communicates material clearly				3	10	4.77
4. Displays interest in subject					14	5.00
5. Summarizes/emphasizes important points				3	11	4.79
6. Stimulates thinking about subject			1	1	12	4.79
7. Provides opportunities for outside contact			1	1	12	4.79
8. Expresses concern about student progress			1	3	10	4.64
9. Provides useful feedback			1	4	9	4.57
10. Clearly indicates how evaluated			3	1	10	4.50
Total of 10 questions	**0**	**0**	**7**	**22**	**110**	**4.74**
15. I have put a lot of effort into this course compared to other courses.			1	4	9	4.57

Student comments

Comment on aspects of the instructor's teaching style that helped the learning process	Comment on aspects of the instructor's teaching style that could be improved upon to help the learning process
1) He truly seems to want students to learn and to succeed in the class. Additionally, he is very approachable and helpful making himself greatly available in class and outside for clarifications/aid.	1) Every single person that I've talked to in this class absolutely loves Dr. Kirk. So, I can't think of anything.
2) Very good at sending help via email and giving help in labs. Learned a lot through application.	2) Perhaps more time spent on material in book to help prepare for tests and quizzes.
3) Dr. Kirk is a wonderful professor; offers help whenever, very patient and understanding.	3) <not answered>
4) <not answered>	4) While I enjoyed the benefits of the extensions we received on assignments, I think the class should have risen to the occasion if you hadn't given them to us, don't feel so bad for us. P.s. you're awesome.
5) Very good teaching style – learning by doing. Practical aspects of class reinforce theory in lecture.	5) Labs were good, but there needs to be a trouble-shooting guide in case the students have questions. That way, students don't always have to ask for help!

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6) He is just incredibly helpful, resourceful, and understanding, which is crucial to be a successful teacher in this type of class. He is patient also which has been really nice. Overall, just a wonderful teacher and person.	6) Not a whole lot to improve upon. He could be a little more rigid in his deadlines to hold us accountable, but this is a menial thing, he is awesome.
7) I did not blindly give Dr. Kirk all 5s. He genuinely deserves them.	7) <not answered>
8) Very passionate about the subject. Gave students opportunities to contact him with questions outside of class. If he realized we needed more time to complete assignments	8) ATTENDANCE POLICY NEEDED – the material covered in this course is difficult, coming to class made it easy to understand but students that didn't come to class regularly definitely suffered since they couldn't complete assignments on time. They held back the rest of the class from succeeding further, especially during our group projects.
9) Very good overall. Open to questions and helpful in class. His main objective was for us to learn not about grades.	9) I feel like lecture slides didn't really help me.
10) Work days in class were helpful because we had a chance to ask questions specifically about ArcGIS use.	10) <not answered>
11) Most technically challenging college course thus far, but Dr. Kirk is by far the best teacher I have had yet at Elon and comes in a close second as all-time favorite teacher!	11) None
12) Was very good at answering specific questions we had. Office hours were useful.	12) Smaller class size or a TA so that there is more time to answer individual questions in class time.
13) Dr. Kirk is phenomenal. ALWAYS willing to answer questions, point you in the right direction, give examples – and is more available outside of class than any other professor I've ever had. I think all of this has contributed to significant learning on my part this semester.	13) N/A. Keep doing what you do Dr. Kirk.
14) Very friendly and enthusiastic about material. Knows a lot about GIS. Always willing to help answer questions.	14) This course needs a TA or longer lab time because there were often times when I needed Dr. Kirk's help but had to wait because he was busy helping someone else.